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Kame Richards is our June 27 Dinner Speaker

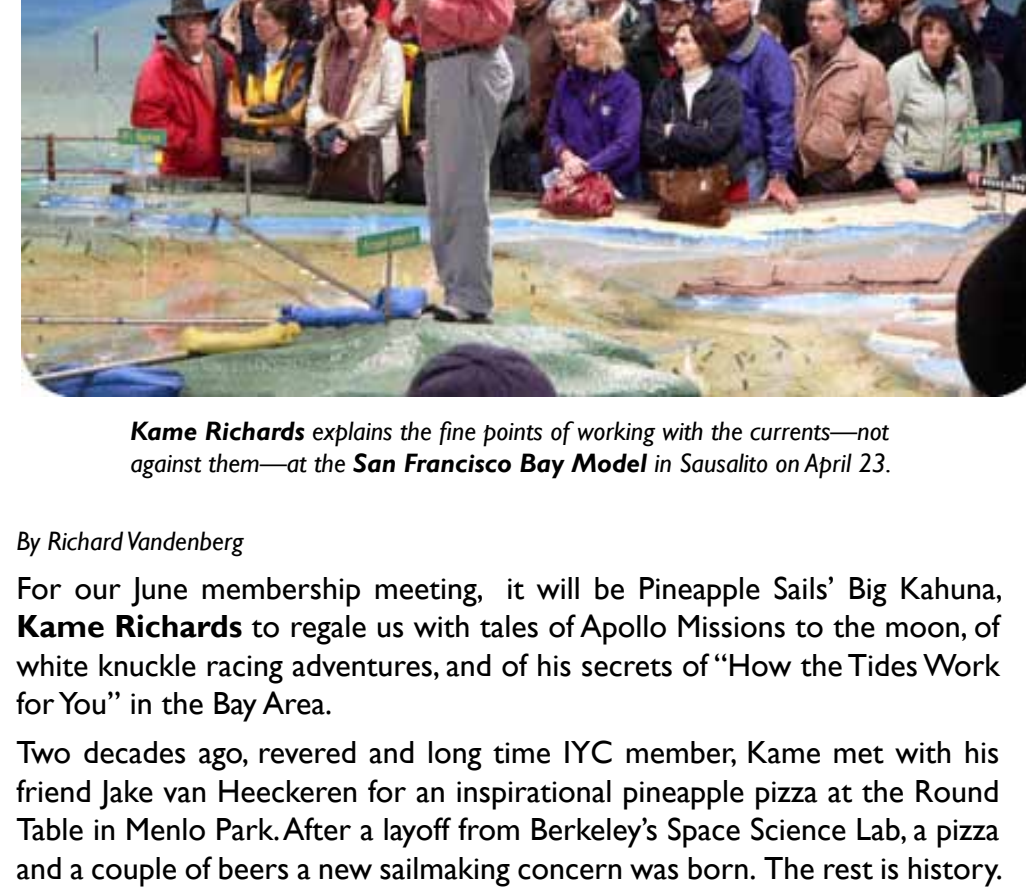


Photo courtesy Latitude 38/LaDonna
 Kame Richards explains the fine points of working with the currents—not against them—at the San Francisco Bay Model in Sausalito on April 23.

By Richard Vandenberg

For our June membership meeting, it will be Pineapple Sails' Big Kahuna, Kame Richards to regale us with tales of Apollo Missions to the moon, of white knuckle racing adventures, and of his secrets of "How the Tides Work for You" in the Bay Area.

Two decades ago, revered and long time IYC member, Kame met with his friend Jake van Heckereer for an inspirational pineapple pizza at the Round Table in Menlo Park. After a layoff from Berkeley's Space Science Lab, a pizza and a couple of beers a new sailmaking concern was born. The rest is history. Since then, Pineapple and Kame have made thousands of sails for the Bay Area's racing elite. He's become a go fast guru as well as an expert in local tides and currents.

Join us for a wonderful meal at our June membership meeting, and hear Kame speak and show his eye-popping slides! You won't want to miss it!

Never been there? Find out all about the one-of-a-kind San Francisco Bay Model at <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/bmvcl/>

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JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR

Fri Jun 5 *Island Nights* race #14
 Sat Jun 6 *Jazz & Wine Festival*, Antioch
 Tue Jun 9 Board Meeting
 Fri Jun 19 *Island Nights* race #15
 Sat/Sun Jun 20-21 *Summer Sailsstice Cruise / Treasure Island YC* <http://www.summersailsstice.com/358/>
 Sat Jun 27 Membership Dinner with Speaker Kame Richards

JULY 2009 (Heads Up items early in the month)

July 3-5 Cruise Out - Benicia YC
 July 4 Ted Crum's Big Birthday Bash
 July 4 Alameda 4th of July Parade
 Sat July 11 Silver Eagle Race

TED CRUM'S BIG BIRTHDAY BASH JULY 4

IYC members and guests are invited to celebrate Ted Crum's "Big Birthday" at the club from 4 - 9 PM on the Fourth of July. Enjoy some food and music before heading out for the fireworks! Please let Heidi know if you're planning attend so she can plan accordingly. heidieschmidt@yahoo.com (510-654-7301)

MAY 30 2009 Membership Dinner!

Special Presentation by Artist and sailor Margaret Fago

Bar Opens: 6:00 pm
 Dinner & Special Presentation: 7:00 pm

Menu:
 Spring Mixed Salad
 Beef Bourguignon OR
 Pesto Baked Salmon (pre-order)
 Buttered Noodles
 Lemon Pepper Chicken
 Dessert: Peach Cobbler

Please RSVP to Vice Commodore Dick Vandenberg at 510-790-2145.

Jane Brown, Alameda photographer who participated in the Alameda on Camera contest. She took photos during the San Die Hawkins Race which she'll have on display.

Arrive Early and visit Dave & Speranza's "new" 1979 Bombay Clipper 31, to be parked at the Swendsens dock below the clubhouse beginning around 5PM.

Jazz-Wine-Art- Delta

Blacktop cruise to Ebony Boat Club JUNE 6TH EBONY BOAT CLUB ANNUAL JAZZ AND WINE FESTIVAL

What do you say fellow Island Yacht Club folks! Let's make a day of it. Check out the attached flyer (last page of this MainSheet) for details, time, activities, location, etc. Rich and Shirley say this is a great time. More info: <http://www.ebonyboatclub.com>

Just let me know who is coming and if you are staying for dinner. Ebony Boat Club can accommodate RV's if you want to spend the night.

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COMMODORE'S COLUMN

By Dawn Chesney

IYC Wins Again!

As you know by now, Island Yacht Club was once again recognized for our outstanding **Decorated Boat entry**, *Finding Nemo!* On May 4th Joyce Brack, Veronica Cocksedge and I attended the PICYA meeting to receive the Club's award of third place in the sailboat division. We were presented with a plaque and photo, as well as a big bag full of goodies. We'll be giving out those goodies to those deserving folks who helped create such a marvelous decorated boat at the May 30 dinner meeting. You'll have to be there to see who gets what!!! And have you noticed Nemo and his fishy friends swimming around IYC?

We had two **Island Nights** Races in May (thanks to Kathy Pickup and her Galley crew, fabulous food!), and the May 1st race a warty one (see John's race article for more details). It was a dark and stormy night, I mean race, and I wondered all evening long if this was a precursor to what we would experience for the next two days during the Vallejo race. Thankfully, the weather cleared somewhat by Saturday morning, so we weren't dripping wet as we raced to Vallejo and back.

Our **Cruise-out to Sausalito Cruising Club** was a blast!!!! John and I didn't arrive until Sunday so we missed a surprising and very fun evening with our IYC buddies at the private party Saturday night (thanks to Betty and Marilyn for organizing—see their article for more details). We sailed up to Sausalito Sunday, then strolled throughout the **Art and Music Festival**. After the foggy grey sail across the Bay with gusts into the 20s, who would have known we would enjoy sunshine while listening to everything from Latin to Opera to good old Rock-n-roll music, all the while enjoying all the hand-crafted art. We ran into **Margaret Fago**, her husband Fred and some of their relatives who joined us for appetizers and beverages on *Fantaseas* (Marilyn's lovely boat) before going up to the Cruising Club for dinner. Lucie Mewes, (as well as our friends who live near Sausalito) Celeste Mirasou, Joe Masters and Betsy Massar, all blacktopped in to join us for the evening. Dinner and the live band were fabulous, as usual, so we ate and danced the night away. I found out after we returned home that Michael and Susan Flynn were in Sausalito as well, but we never saw them. They thought we had ventured up to Napa as originally planned and our paths never crossed...Darn, would have been so fun to share the time with them as well.

This month's **dinner meeting** has an art theme. Before dinner, Dave and Speranza are having a boatwarming to celebrate the recent acquisition of *Dream Catcher*, a Bombay Clipper 31, so that falls into the art category. Come by to see her and offer Congrats on their new boat! Also before dinner, photographer **Jane Brown** will be displaying some of the photos she took during the February Sadie Hawkins race which she entered into the **Alameda on Camera Contest**, sponsored by the Frank Bette Center for the Arts.

After dinner, former Hogin Sails owner, sailor, WSS sponsor and full time artist **Margaret Fago** will speak and present some of her new watercolor work. Last year, during the Women's Sailing Seminar, Margaret was very sneaky and surprised me with an original watercolor of John and I racing on our boat *Dire Straits*. Now, I always thought Margaret was just nice, so I didn't know about her sneaky side...she's quite good at it I've learned! I'll be bringing my painting to share with you.

To help enhance my cruising abilities (ie: chill out vs race) John and I took his RV to **Cherry Lake** near Yosemite in May. In the 1950s, John's Dad was the surveyor and engineer of most of the roads and the earthen dam that created Cherry Lake. John also grew up there until he was one, living in the "camp" of small wood buildings and going to school in a one room classroom. His Mom was even a teacher there once the camp became big enough for two classrooms (no, John didn't have his Mom as his teacher, but his younger sister did). Needless to say, this is a special place for the New family and we go as often as possible. I just never imagined I'd go in an RV where we would cozily watch a movie during a thunder and lightning storm, while others huddled in their tents. WOW, talk about being spoiled!!!

June has lots of fun activities planned. We'll finish the last two **Spring Island Nights** Races, join the **Ebony Boat Club** for their **Jazz and Wine Festival**, sail during the **Summer Sailsstice** with a party on Treasure Island and enjoy **Kame Richards** entertaining presentation after the IYC June dinner meeting.

Our Board meeting is Tuesday, June 9th, all members are welcome to attend, we'd appreciate your input. We have created a By-Laws committee to review the current by-laws and suggest modifications. Our goal is to have the updated By-Laws reflect how our Club really operates. When the committee has completed their review and recommendations, they will present the proposed By-Laws first to the Board, then to the membership for a vote. The By-Laws Committee consists of Cindy Wagner (chair), Dave Bloch (who performed this same roll at Gold Country YC), Janet Frankel, John Ratto and Ted Crum. I have the utmost confidence that this committee, with their varied experiences and level heads, will propose updated By-Laws that will last for many years without revision.

In early July we also have a lot going on with the 4th of July **cruise-out to Benicia**, **Ted's 4th of July Birthday Bash** (John and I are trying to figure out how to do both) and a possible float entry in the **Alameda 4th of July parade** featuring Nemo and his fishy friends (OK, we're trying to figure out how to do that all three). I don't know of another yacht club that is entering, so what great exposure for IYC and letting those who live on the Island know what we are about.

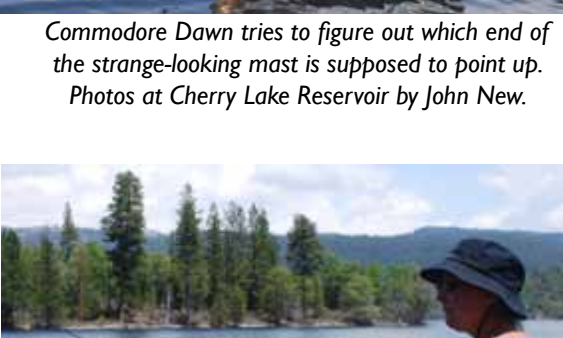
Let's have some fun and enjoy the year together! ▶



Photo Russ Breed
 Joyce Brack, Veronica Cocksedge, and Commodore Dawn Chesney display the prizes for IYC's Opening Day Decorated Boat entry at the May PICYA dinner.



Photo Lucie Mewes
 Dawn & friend Celeste Mirasou



Commodore Dawn tries to figure out which end of the strange-looking mast is supposed to point up. Photos at Cherry Lake Reservoir by John New.



Dawn practices "chilling out" at Cherry Lake Reservoir

ONLINE READERS:

Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/iycop> for updated info on the potential merging of Cal Boating into the state Parks & Recreation Department. (Link goes to the Latitude 38 Website.)

ALSO, a letter from the Save Cal Boating Coalition to the Budget Conference Committee can be downloaded at <http://tinyurl.com/n9dgz5> (an Adobe PDF file).

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Dave Bloch

Be Immortal

Yes, you could send \$49.95 to a faceless PO Box in Illinois to get your name fictionally attached to a tiny point of light that you'll never be able to see because we're in a big city with too much light.

OR, you could write an article for *MainSheet*! Yes, your verdant prose will be placed on both a real, genuine Website and be printed on genuine paper! Your writings will be scanned and indexed by massive computers known as "googles" (at least, they should be called that) and archived for your children, and their children, and all the ages to read, ponder and enjoy.

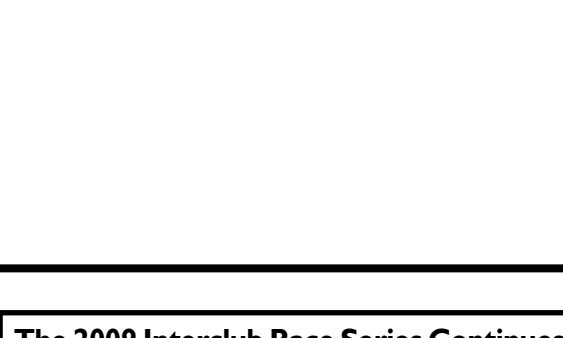
You do not have to win the America's Cup (or even a beer can race) to write for *MainSheet*! Our readers delight in stories about small adventures, misadventures, trips, new discoveries or old friends. If you are a member of the IYC family, you are welcome to send in an article to share.

So, put on your writer's cap and put fingers to keyboard or pen to paper, and send an article to your Editor! Email to dave@virtuallameda.com or mail to the Club PO box.

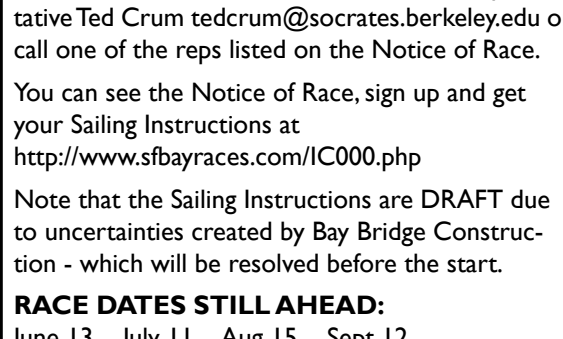
Name a star...Hah! BE one instead! True immortality lies right here. ▶



Can you find your own star in this constellation?



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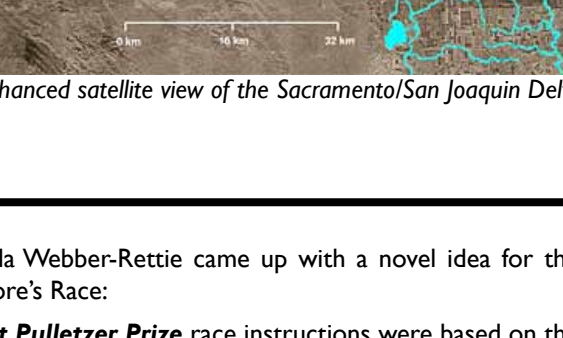
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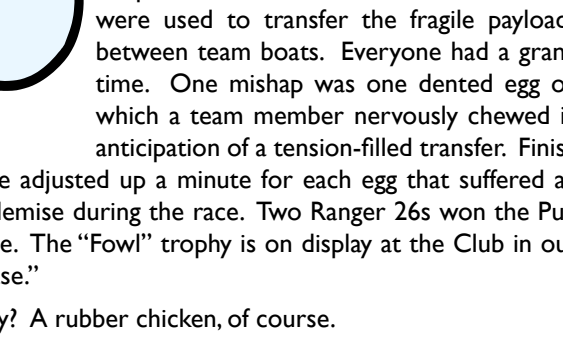
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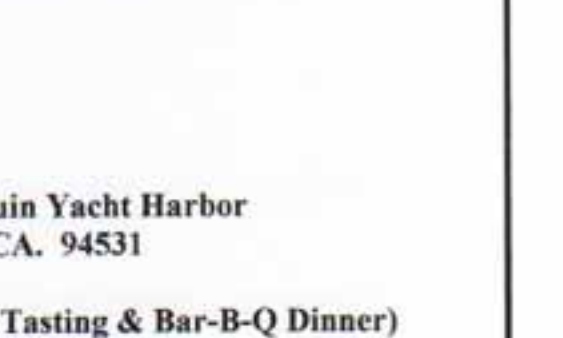
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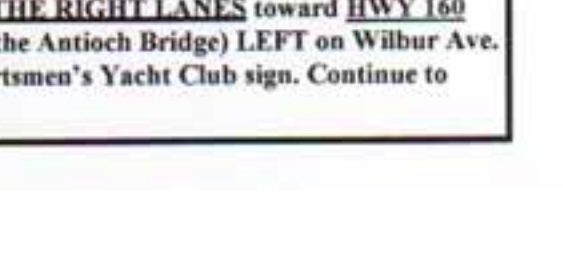
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Singing the Delta Doo-Dahs!

By Lucie Mewes

The Delta is NOT for everyone. That's right: if you love the fog, the summer cinder and the cold spray of the Bay you just might not be in your element up the Sacramento River. Or the San Joaquin.

It's HOT up there. It's DUSTY in the Delta. No foulies are required to sail in the Delta. In fact, there's not much sailing with the narrow bends and turns and shallow sloughs.

My first trips to the Delta were on my grandfather's Elco 42 cruiser. Perfect. Slept 12 including the crew berths left over from a grander time. My mother spent hours in the lovely galley, bigger than some kitchens in apartments I lived in. The anchor held us, and anchors also held half the other South Bay boats which spent every summer around Bethel Island and Frank's Tract. And that engine really moved that boat.

It took two days to get there from Alviso by boat. Using the old Vasco Road, we'd get there in no time once summer started. Like now, we'd leave the boat there and drive up every weekend.

My first kiss was with the boy who taught me (!!!) to waterski from the back of the family CrisCraft. Yes, the wood classic. Who wouldn't love the Delta when the good times outshined the memories of the bug bites and the midday scorching heat or the gusty afternoons?

When Ben and I took Georgia "Up River" that Memorial Day a few years back, Ben was stunned to hear me singing as we passed under the Antioch Bridge, the Gateway to the Delta. Betty and David were amazed at the history of the levees and the orchards and the fertile fields, not to mention the landmarks like Al the Wop's and Foster's Big Horn.

We're going Up River again this year. We'll make our way from home in Richmond through Antioch, ending up with the Mandeville fireworks from Stockton Sailing Club. Who knows where we'll end: Fisherman's Cut is a great quiet anchorage surrounded by dunes. Maybe the Bedrooms. Kathy and Chuck often get up Georgianna Slough to Guisti's, a Delta classic. Maybe Betty or Decker Island? We've got a new depth sounder: we can go anywhere!

Hope to see you there. ▶

The 2009 Interclub Race Series Continues!

Open to members of: Aeolian YC, Alameda YC, Catalina 34 Fleet 1, Encinal YC, Island YC, Oakland YC, Treasure Island YC, and BANA.

Questions? Email Island YC's Interclub Representative Ted Crum tedcrum@socrates.berkeley.edu or call one of the reps listed on the Notice of Race. You can see the Notice of Race, sign up and get your Sailing Instructions created by Bay Bridge Construction - which will be resolved before the start.

RACE DATES STILL AHEAD:
 June 13 July 11 Aug 15 Sept 12



May 15: The Racer Chicks on Dire Straits with the spinnaker up.



May 15 on Wuvulu: Debbie Ratto resting between spinnaker tasks.



May 15: John Ratto, also on Wuvulu.

HISTORICAL HAZE

By Helen & Malcolm Sowers

We were planning to write about "25 years ago at Island Yacht Club" but discovered the 1984 folder was missing. So this Historical Haze is from 26 years ago, 1983

The first 1983 surprise was the name of the monthly newsletter was "SEA STORIES." The original name (from 1970) had been "THE BULL-E-TIN" or "The Famous BULL-E-TIN." The change to SEA STORIES occurred in Oct. 1982 and lasted at least through Dec.

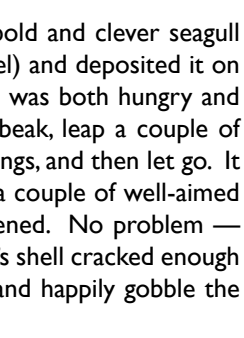
1983. The change to "THE MAINSHEET" happened some time during 1984 (Oh, yes, it's the missing '84 history) because the Board at their Jan. 1985 meeting voted to "continue to call the IYC Bulletin "THE MAINSHEET." And so it is to this day.

The November SEA STORIES reported "The Results of a Fowl

Idea." Linda Webber-Rettie came up with a novel idea for the Commodore's Race:

The Great Pulley Prize race instructions were based on the Friday Nite Series, but were changed a bit to allow for team racing and passing 2-minute buoys between boats on each leg of the course. Inventiveness was shown by all as spinnaker-turtles, buckets, and boat hooks were used to transfer the fragile payloads between team boats. Everyone had a grand time. One mishap was one dented egg on which a team member nervously chewed in anticipation of a tension-filled transfer. Finish times were adjusted up a minute for each leg that suffered an untimely demise during the race. Two Ranger 26s won the Pulley Prize. The "Fowl" trophy is on display at the Club in our Trophy Case."

The trophy? A rubber chicken, of course.



Enhanced satellite view of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta.

By Betty Sleeth and Marilyn Bruner

Here we are, on a beam reach, sailing on a beautiful Monday with the spectacular San Francisco skyline spread out before us. There's just enough wind to ruffle the water, about ten knots. Sunshine, blue sky and the tide coming in is giving us a nice boost through the Bay Bridge. The sun is warm, there's a bit of a nip in the air, and we're listening to the rippling sound of a tide rip that we've been running along for a mile or so. It sounds just like a stream running over rocks. *Wuvulu* is somewhere behind us; John and Dawn are still wandering the forests of Sausalito.

Stories are floating around the deck of *Fantaseas* as we recall our delightful weekend. Our crew includes stalwarts Betty Sleeth, Judy Sieh (a friend of Marilyn's), Vice Commodore Dick Vandenberg and skipper Marilyn Bruner. It has been tested and decided that SCC serves the best margarita ever experienced by members of this crew, at least in this country. (Marilyn claims that they are almost as good as the six-track margaritas that she had in Mexico, but that's another story.) Editor's note: "six-track" is NOT a typo. Marilyn promises an explanation in the future.

The SCC experience included dancing to two great bands on two different evenings, two great buffet dinners and an all-around good time. Other adventures included a visit to the **San Francisco Bay Model**, a street fair with exotic music, and casual time spent with friends. Marilyn, Judy, Vice Commodore Dick and Betty were joined by Lucy Mewes, Margaret Fago, her husband and their guests from Illinois, Commodore Dawn Chesney and Race Chair John New for a Sunday afternoon "sundowner" aboard *Fantaseas*. We took lots of pictures, some of which are included with this article.

One of Betty's favorite memories was of a bold and clever seagull who had captured a hapless mollusk (a mussel) and deposited it on the concrete dock right next to us. The gull was both hungry and resourceful. It would hold the mussel in its beak, leap a couple of feet into the air with the aid of a flap of its wings, and then let go. It would then land and inspect the resulting with a couple of well-aimed pecks. "The first several times, the gull was happy. No problem — the gull kept at it. Finally, however, the mussel's shell cracked enough that the victorious gull was able to extract and happily gobble the goodies. Nature is fascinating, if unforgiving.

One of Betty's least favorite memories was hearing a small splash as the Caledonia Street Fair on Sunday. She had her arms full of treasures from the fair, so couldn't take inventory until reaching the boat. As she climbed aboard, she said "I hope that splash wasn't my camera." Alas, it was. And she had been the most prolific photographer of the bunch. Darn! An accident — just bad luck. Some, however, think that what happened is that the God of the Sea was angry and rose from the water to claim the camera because *Fantaseas* set sail with a bunch of bananas aboard. Many sailors say that this brings bad luck. A select few of us know that this sort of problem can be avoided by first performing the Banana Ritual to request special dispensation, and we forgot to do it. But that's another story.

The bottom line is this: Cruising is a Blast! We had a tiny turnout of IYC folks but we all had a whole lot of fun. The rest of you missed out. Don't miss the boat next time! ▶

Photo Dick Vandenberg



The whole IYC Sausalito Cruise-Out contingent!

Dick at the helm

Summer Sailsstice Festival

Saturday and Sunday, June 20 & 21